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Under the Tunney Act, I want to add my voice to those who affirm that the settlement in the Microsoft case is woefully inadequate.

The settlement will not create an environment that will prevent Microsoft from using their monopoly to stifle competition in the future, as they clearly have in the past. Unless the Microsoft applications are constrained to work under the same conditions as non-Microsoft apps (that is, by only using publicly documented APIs to the Windows (NT, XP, CE, and future OSs), Microsoft will have an unfair advantage. The most maintainable solution would be to break MS up into two companies, an OS company and an Apps company--that would ensure a level playing field. If that is not going to be the solution, it will take on-going Federal vigilance to make sure Microsoft is not succumbing to the temptation to use the inherent advantages of making both the roads (OS) and most of the vehicles (Apps) that use the roads to its advantage, and prevent other companies from building vehicles that work as well or better than MS's.

Sincerely,
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